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1. DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT A NUMBER OF PEOPLES TEMPLE (PT) MEMBERS REMAIN IN GUYANA NOT IN THE CUSTODY OF THE GOG. PRESUMABLY, MOST OF THESE WILL DEPART IN THE RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE BUT, AS THE EMBASSY HAS REPORTED, SOME HAVE ELECTED TO REMAIN IN GUYANA PERMANENTLY. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT THOSE PT MEMBERS STILL IN GUYANA AND NOT IN THE CUSTODY OF THE GOG MIGHT BE INVITED TO COME TO THE EMBASSY VOLUNTARILY FOR INTERVIEWS WITH THE LEGAL ATTACHE WHILE HE CONTINUES TO BE IN GEORGETOWN

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ON TDY ASSIGNMENT FROM CARACAS. IF A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF THOSE REMAINING IN GEORGETOWN AGREE TO THIS PROCEDURE IT MIGHT SPEED UP THE ENTIRE PROCESS. AN INTERVIEW WITH THE LEGAL ATTACHE IN GEORGETOWN MIGHT MAKE UNNECESSARY FURTHER FBI INTERROGATION OF PT MEMBERS ON ARRIVAL IN THE U.S. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT AN INTERVIEW WITH THE LEGAL ATTACHE MIGHT RENDER INTERROGATION BY THE SECRET SERVICE AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ON ARRIVAL UNNECESSARY. IF EMBASSY AND THE LEGAL ATTACHE AGREE, THEY SHOULD CONTACT PT MEMBERS IN GEORGETOWN AND SCHEDULE VOLUNTARY INTERVIEWS IN THE EMBASSY. LEGAL ATTACHE SHOULD CONTACT HIS OWN HEADQUARTERS ABOUT HOW THESE INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE STRUCTURED.

2. DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT MICHAEL PROKES WAS ABLE TO RETURN TO THE U.S. WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE EMBASSY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE U.S. WHILE THERE ARE NO GROUNDS FOR ASKING THE GOG TO PREVENT THE DEPARTURE OF PT MEMBERS ONCE THE GOG HAS GRANTED PER-

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MISSION. THE EMBASSY SHOULD REITERATE TO THE GOG THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING GOG IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL INFORM THE EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY OF THE DEPARTURE AND DESTINATION OF ANY PT MEMBERS SO THAT THE RELEVANT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAN BE INFORMED. VANCE

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